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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 6, 8 and 11 as follows (a marked up version of claims 5, 6, 8, and 11 being appended hereto):

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5. An optical module according to claim 1, wherein a longer wave is allocated to a channel longer in free space length.
6. An optical module according to claim 1, wherein:
- said output side is disposed at an angle of 90 degrees with respect to said input side; and
- a movable mirror is inserted in a position corresponding to each channel in said free space to thereby form a matrix optical switch.
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7. An optical module according to Claim 1, wherein an optical device constituted by